

ORDER NO. 08-13-08
Hazard Tree Closure
MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR §261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Grindstone Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest. This Order is effective from August 19, 2013, through August 19, 2014:

1. Being on the National Forest System road segments listed below and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
 - a. Forest Road No. 17N02, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N18, then north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N14.
 - b. Forest Road No. 17N82, from its northernmost intersection with Forest Road No. M5, then southwest to its southernmost intersection with Forest Road No. M5.
 - c. Forest Road No. 17N95, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N97, then east to its intersection with Forest Road No. M5.
 - d. Forest Road No. 17N97, from its intersection with Forest Road No. M5, then southwest to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N95.
 - e. Forest Road No. 17N62, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N62B, then west to its terminus.
 - f. Forest Road No. 17N62B, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N62, then northwest to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 85313 (Off-Highway Vehicle Trail No. 13).
2. Being on the National Forest System trail segments listed below and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).
 - a. Forest Trail No. 85320 (Off-Highway Vehicle Trail No. 20), from its intersection with Forest Road Nos. M5 and 17N82, then southwest to its intersection with Forest Road Nos. 17N97 and 17N95.
 - b. Forest Trail No. 85320 (Off-Highway Vehicle Trail No. 20), from its intersection with Forest Road Nos. M5 and 17N90, then southwest to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N96.
 - c. Forest Trail No. 85315 (Off-Highway Vehicle Trail No. 15) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N14, then north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N68.
3. Being within 100 feet of the National Forest System road or trail segments listed above and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.53(e).

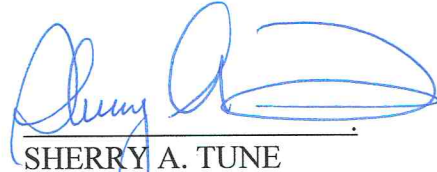
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

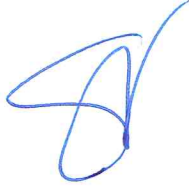
A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Willows, California, this 16th day of August of 2013.



SHERRY A. TUNE
Forest Supervisor
Mendocino National Forest

DATE: August 16, 2013



TO: File

FROM: Sherry A. Tune, Forest Supervisor

RE: Mendocino National Forest, Hazard Tree Temporary Closure

This document explains my rationale and regulatory basis for implementing a closure of several National Forest System road and trail segments, and the areas around those segments, on the Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District (refer to attached map).

This Order is enacted pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR §261.50(a) and (b). The closure is necessary because of the numerous hazard trees immediately adjacent to several roads and trails within the area of the Mill Fire that occurred in 2012. The closure will ensure public safety and will expire on August 16, 2014, to allow sufficient time to confirm that all hazards have been mitigated.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

For further information regarding this decision, contact: Sara Ridenour-Chamberlain, Grindstone Off-Highway Vehicle Manager at 530-963-1327.